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BOX: PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior applications Serial No. 09/433,449, filed November 4, 1999, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/434,036, filed November 4, 1999, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/619,190, filed July 19, 2000, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/254,506, filed on December 8, 2000, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/275,810, filed on March 14, 2001, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/275,886, filed March 14, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/296,968, filed June 8, 2001, the entire contents of each of these applications being hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation-in-part application of F. Mark Ferguson, Richard L. Fiser, James R. Curtis, Charles V. Owen, David L. Thorne, Mark A. Nelson, Roy L. Barrus, Gale H. Thorne, Jr., Eugene E. Weilbacher, Michael Thorne, Steven Brown and Donald Solomon for SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES comprising 44 pages of specification and claims, and a joint signature Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

Enclosed also are:

- x        59 sheets of drawings
- x        An assignment of the invention to Safety Syringe Corporation, including a Form PTO-1595 recordation cover sheet.
- x        An assignment of the invention to Tyco Healthcare Group LP, including a Form PTO-1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A certified copy of an \_\_\_\_\_ application.
- Applicant claims Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- x        A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date of June 27, 2001 by use of Express Mail Label No. EL709712268US.

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			Small Entity			Large Entity	
For	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$355	or		\$710
Total Claims	93 - 20 =	73	x \$9		or	x \$18	\$1,314
Ind. Claims	11 - 3 =	8	x \$40		or	x \$80	\$640
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			x \$135		or	x \$270	
			<b>TOTAL</b>				\$2,664

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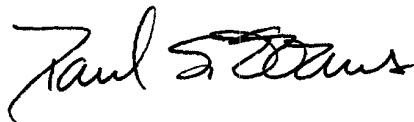
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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 27 day of June, 2001.

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